



Symonds Cup (U17) Division Summary 2025/2026

1. Cup Division is capped at Under 17 and play One Day & T20 Formats in accordance with Cricket Australia's Junior Format 3.
2. One Day Matches are played on Saturdays, starting at 1pm and finishing by 6.10pm. One day matches may occasionally be played as Day/Night fixtures, this will be outlined in the draw.
3. T20 matches will start at 2.00pm. Mid-week nighttime fixtures may take place occasionally; this will be outlined in the draw.
4. The compulsory change of innings time for One Day matches is 3.30pm. If the required number of overs is not bowled by the compulsory change of innings time, the number of overs bowled will be bowled in the following innings.
5. The minimum number of players per team is seven (7) with a desired number being eleven (11) players. Any team may nominate greater than eleven (11) players to bat and bowl for participation purposes; however, an innings will be considered complete at the fall of ten (10) wickets, or the nominated overs are completed irrespective of the number of players nominated in the side.
6. Pitch is 20.12 metres Turf and/or Astro wicket.
7. Boundary will be 65 metres measured from the middle stump at either end. Or nearest to boundary requirement.
8. Each team to supply seven (7) boundary markers. The boundary shall be taken as a straight line between the markers unless the boundary line is already marked.
9. Ball is a 156g two-piece leather ball. A red ball is to be used for one day matches and a white ball is to be used for T20 matches.
10. Results including individual player scores must be entered into Play HQ Cricket by the Wednesday following the date the game was played.
11. On field Coaching is not permitted in Cup (U17) Division.





Overs and Bowling Conditions

12. One Day matches:

- a. 40 overs constitutes an innings.
- b. Each bowler may only bowl a maximum of 8 overs (one fifth of the total overs to be bowled).
- c. The maximum spell a bowler can bowl needs to comply with Cricket Australia Guidelines (U13 – 4, U15 – 5, U17 – 6).

13. T20 matches:

- a. 20 overs constitute an innings.
- b. Each bowler may only bowl a maximum of 4 overs (one fifth of the total overs to be bowled)

14. General Bowling Conditions:

- a. Batters will receive a free hit following a no ball. If the bowler breaks the stumps in the process of bowling, oversteps the popping crease, bowls a full toss over waist height of a batter in normal stance or exceeds the restriction on fast short, pitched deliveries in part c below, a no ball is to be called.
- b. The only dismissals that apply to a free hit is run out, hit the ball twice and obstruct the field.
- c. Bowlers are permitted to bowl one fast short, pitched delivery per batter per over that is above shoulder height of the batter standing upright at the crease. Any further deliveries of this nature in an over are to be called no ball. If a fast, short, pitched delivery passes above head height of the batter standing upright at the crease, a wide is to be called.





Batting Conditions

15. General Batting Conditions:

- a. Coaches may elect to retire batters 'Not Out'.
- b. Unless dismissed or injured, a batter must face 25 legal deliveries before being retired.
- c. Batters who retire not out, need to retire immediately, not at the end of the over.
- d. Such retirees may be brought back to bat after all players on the batting side have batted, subject to the innings not being completed.
- e. All players named for a match must bat prior to a retired batter returning to bat.
- f. Retirees will resume batting in the order of retirement.
- g. Batters returning after having retired may continue to bat without being compulsory retired at the legal delivery limit.

Fielding Restrictions

16. From the moment the bowler commences his/her run-up to the moment the batter plays the ball; no fielder may stand closer than 10 metres from the centre of the batter's popping crease other than in the arc from the wicket keeper to point via the slips cordon.
17. Fielding restrictions apply in terms of outfielders (beyond the fielding inner circle markers); Overs 1-8 only 2 fielders are allowed out, overs 9 -32 only 4 fielders are allowed out and overs 33-40, a maximum of 5 fielders are allowed out. If these restrictions are not followed, the umpire will signal a no ball with a free hit to be awarded.
18. Wicketkeepers must wear helmets when keeping up to the stumps.





General Conditions

19. If the side batting first shall be all out before the maximum number of overs is bowled, then the second batting side may still face the maximum number of overs permitted. In the spirit of the game, all games should be played to the allocated number of overs even after a result is obtained.
20. Batsmen must wear helmets when batting.
21. In all matches, bowling is from both ends.
22. The end bowled from first is at the discretion of the fielding team.
23. Drinks breaks in One Day matches occur at the end of the 15th and 30th over. These drinks breaks are strictly 5 minutes in duration and are to be taken on the field except in cases of extreme heat. There are no drinks break in a T20 innings.

